



December 29, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators, Body Piercing Facilities

FROM: Dennis Gibbs, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: First Aid Training

NOTE: This memorandum replaces the exception to the standards regarding First Aid Training communicated to body piercing facilities in a memorandum from Health Licensing dated October 27, 2003.

There have been inquiries regarding providers of first aid training to body piercing technicians and compliance to the standards pertaining to this training. Section 103.E.1.b.(3) of Regulation 61-109, *Standards for Permitting Body Piercing Facilities*, requires that "Prior to applying to the Department for a permit, a proposed facility shall: b. Ensure that all technicians comply with all applicable federal OSHA requirements or guidelines, and obtain certificates attesting to the successful completion of courses in: (3) American Red Cross First Aid;" and Section 502.A.2. requires "American Red Cross First Aid certification (required for each technician every three years)" for "all technicians prior to client contact."

If the scope and content of a first aid training course is equivalent to that offered by the American Red Cross, training from that course (as evidenced by certificate) which is approved by the Department, will meet the intent of the standards and is acceptable in lieu of American Red Cross First Aid Training. Currently, only the courses listed below have been approved by the Department:

1. American Heart Association First Aid Training
2. American Red Cross First Aid Training
3. State (S.C.) Technical College System First Aid Training
4. American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) First Aid Training

This exception applies to any body piercing facility permitted by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, please call Joe Gatten at (803) 545-4235, or should there be questions concerning adult CPR course approval, please call Dr. Linda Bell at (803) 898-0798.

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